

PRICES

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KANSAS: The December All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 106 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 1 point from November 2002 but up 17 points from December 2001. The All Crops Index in December, at 117 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 5 points from November but up 26 points from 2001. The Meat Animals Index, at 92 percent of the 1990-92 base, was unchanged from November but 6 points above last year. More detailed information regarding price indexes is shown in the first table on the back of this release.

Wheat prices in mid-December, at \$3.81 per bushel, were down 38 cents from November but \$1.13 above last December.

Corn prices in mid-December, at \$2.46 per bushel, were down 8 cents from November but 42 cents above last December.

Farmers received an average of \$4.18 per cwt. for **grain sorghum** in mid-December, down 13 cents from November but 98 cents above last December.

Soybean prices, at \$5.41 per bushel in mid-December were down 1 cent from November but \$1.34 above last December.

All hay prices averaged \$96.00 per ton in mid-December, up \$1.00 from November and \$2.00 higher than last year. Alfalfa hay averaged \$100.00 per ton, up \$2.00 from November but unchanged from last December. Other hay, at \$76.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from November and \$11.00 above last December.

All beef cattle were bringing an average of \$72.80 per cwt. in mid-December, up \$1.10 from November and \$6.20 above the price last December. Cow prices, at \$33.60 per cwt., were up \$1.60 from November but \$2.60 below the price last December. Steers and heifers averaged \$74.00 per cwt., up \$1.10 from November and \$6.50 above December 2001. Calf prices in mid-December were \$100.00 per cwt., up \$5.80 from November but down \$4.00 from December 2001

The **all hog** price of \$28.30 per cwt. for mid-December was up \$1.80 from November but down \$3.80 from last December. **Sow** prices averaged \$22.00, up \$2.40 from November but \$2.10 lower than December 2001. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$29.20 per cwt. in mid-December, up \$1.80 from November but \$4.00 below last December.

November **lamb** prices were \$81.50 per cwt. **Sheep** prices averaged \$26.50 per cwt. in November.

Individual commodity prices are shown in the second table on the back of this release.

UNITED STATES: The **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received in December was 97 percent of the 1990-92 base, down 1 point from November but 4 points above December 2001.

The December **All Crops Index** was 102, down 2 points from November but 12 points above December 2001.

The December **Livestock and Products Index**, at 91, was up 1 point from last month but down 5 points from December 2001.

Index Numbers - Prices Received by Farmers, Kansas and United States

	Kansas 1990-92=100%			United States					
Product				1990-92=100%			1910-14=100%		
Group	Nov 2002	Dec 2001	Dec 15, 2002	Nov 2002	Dec 2001	Dec 15, 2002	Nov 2002	Dec 2001	Dec 15, 2002
PRICE RECEIVED									
All Farm Products	107	89	106	98	93	97	620	589	617
All Crops	122	91	117	104	90	102	513	444	505
Food Grains	149	95	136	122	91	119	386	288	378
Feed Grains & Hay				103	92	105	368	330	374
Feed Grains	115	89	111						
Hay	148	147	150						
Oil Seeds	99	74	98	97	78	98	530	427	538
Livestock & Products				90	96	91	687	737	696
Meat Animals	92	86	92	85	85	88	869	863	892
Dairy Products				90	103	91	725	830	731

Agricultural Prices and Feeding Ratios, Kansas and United States

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		Kansas		United States					
Commodity	November 2002	December 2001	Dec 15, 2002	November 2002	December 2001	Dec 15, 2002	Parity Prices 12/15/02		
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars		
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS									
Wheat, bu	4.19	2.68	3.81	4.25	2.88	3.93	9.67		
Corn, bu	2.54	2.04	2.46	2.27	1.98	2.29	6.55		
Oats, bu				1.90	1.92	1.81	3.99		
Barley, bu				2.79	2.21	2.85	6.43		
Sorghum Grain, cwt	4.31	3.20	4.18	4.30	3.25	4.21	11.10		
All Hay, ton	95.00	94.00	96.00	93.60	95.60	92.60			
Alfalfa, ton	98.00	100.00	100.00	101.00	105.00	100.00			
Other, ton		65.00	76.00	75.40	73.40	74.70			
Soybeans, bu	5.42	4.07	5.41	5.46	4.20	5.48	14.30		
All Beef Cattle, cwt	71.70	66.60	72.80	67.60	64.80	70.20	160.00		
Cows, cwt	32.00	36.20	33.60	33.00	36.00	34.20			
All Steers & Heifers, cwt	72.90	67.50	74.00	72.00	68.50	74.80			
Calves, cwt	94.20	104.00	100.00	88.20	101.00	93.60	212.00		
Hogs, cwt		32.10	28.30	27.80	33.30	30.00	103.00		
Sows, cwt	19.60	24.10	22.00	20.40	25.10	22.80			
Barrows & Gilts, cwt		33.20	29.20	28.10	33.80	30.40			
Lambs, cwt ¹	81.50	60.30		84.10	61.40		180.00		
Sheep, cwt ¹	26.50	31.70		32.80	34.00		76.30		
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test ²				11.80	13.50	11.90	33.20		
Average fat test, percent ²				3.81	3.79	3.82			
Feed Ratios									
Hog-Corn	10.4	15.7	11.5	12.2	16.8	13.1			
Milk-Feed				2.43	2.99	2.45			

Preliminary price not published. ² Milk price reflects gross producer pay price before deducts for hauling and capital retain.

District Grain & Oilseed Prices

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Agricultural	Wheat per Bushel		Sorghum	Grain per Cwt	Corn p	er Bushel	Soybeans per Bushel				
Statistics District	November 2002	December 15, 2002	November 2002	December 15, 2002	November 2002	December 15, 2002	November 2002	December 15, 2002			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars			
Northwest 1	4.07	3.71	4.09	4.00	2.60	2.43					
West Central 1	4.14	3.74	4.23	4.15	2.62	2.46	5.36	5.33			
Southwest 1	4.22	3.82	4.17	4.11	2.60	2.55					
North Central	4.22	3.88	4.39	4.23	2.46	2.35	5.35	5.36			
Central	4.20	3.80	4.56	4.25	2.56	2.55	5.47	5.38			
South Central	4.16	3.82	4.23	4.13	2.47	2.42	5.41	5.36			
Northeast	4.35	3.90	4.33	4.35	2.46	2.41	5.41	5.44			
East Central	4.27	3.76	4.30	4.19	2.33	2.31	5.44	5.44			
Southeast	4.27	3.87	4.29	4.15	2.47	2.36	5.44	5.37			
State	4.19	3.81	4.31	4.18	2.54	2.46	5.42	5.41			

Soybean prices for Northwest, Southwest, and West Central combined due to insufficient data.